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Title: STORAGE CONTAINER FOR BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING THE SAMPLE

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION, 37 CFR § 1.116

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To the Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 24, 2008, the time period for response thereto being set to expire June 24, 2009, by virtue of the Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicant requests favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendment, accompanying remarks, and Request for Continued Examination filed herewith.

A **List of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper. The claims are unchanged from their prior version. The list is included for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicant's Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith.

Petition for Extension of Time: Applicants hereby petition to extend the time period for response to the Final Office Action dated December 24, 2008 for three months, to June 24, 2009. The required fee is submitted herewith.